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SUBJECT: EMBASSY RAISES UPCOMING CHILE MEETING IN
HELSINKI WITH FINNISH FOREIGN MINISTRY

REF: STOCKHOLM 1065

1. CHARGE MARCH 18 TOOK UP SUBJECT OF MEETING OF
"INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE CRIMES
OF THE MILITARY JUNTA IN CHILE" SCHEDULED FOR
MARCH 21-24 IN HELSINKI WITH MATTI TUOVINEN, CHIEF
OF FONMIN POLITICAL SECTION.

2. IN DISCUSSION WITH TUOVINEN, CHARGE POINTED OUT THAT
IN THE BEST INTEREST OF US-FINNISH RELATIONS HE HAD
TO BRING TO TUOVINEN'S ATTENTION THE DISTINCT POSSIBIL-
ITY THAT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED MEETING, WHICH HAS ALSO
BEEN LABELED THE CHILE TRIBUNAL, WOULD LEAD TO
UNCALLED-FOR AND IRRESPONSIBLE ATTACKS ON THE US
GOVERNMENT AND AMERICAN COMPANIES BY THIRD COUNTRY
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NATIONALS ON FINNISH SOIL AT A FORUM WHICH WOULD AT

LEAST APPEAR TO HAVE TACIT APPROVAL OF THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT.

3. TUOVINEN AGREED THAT THIS COULD INDEED BECOME A PROBLEM, CLAIMED TO APPRECIATE IT BEING BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION BEFORE THE FACT, AND STATED THAT HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND SEE WHAT HE COULD DO.

4. THE INTERNATIONAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE "INQUIRY," OF WHICH THE FINNISH MINISTER OF EDUCATION, ULF SUNQVIST, IS THE CHAIRMAN, HAS INVITED 60 "PROMINENT PERSONS" FROM AROUND THE WORLD TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE "INQUIRY" COMMISSION. THERE ARE EXPECTED TO BE FIVE FINNISH MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION FROM THE RADICAL ELEMENTS OF VARIOUS POLITICAL PARTIES. THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY WILL BE REPRESENTED BY MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT JACOB SODERMAN, WHO IS EXPECTED TO BE CHOSEN CHAIRMAN OF THE "INQUIRY" PROCEEDINGS. THIS, ACCORDING TO ONE OF OUR SDP SOURCES, IS AT EXPRESS WISH OF THE CHILEANS, PARTICULARLY THE CHILEAN RADICAL PARTY REPRESENTATIVES -- BUT ALSO CHILEAN COMMUNIST GROUPS, IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE THE DIRECT INFLUENCE OF THE CPSU AND ITS FRONT-MEN IN ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL (WPC) AND THE PEACE DEFENDERS. ACCORDING TO THE SAME SOURCE, HOWEVER, THE "INQUIRY" IS BEING FUNDED BOTH DIRECTLY FROM COMMUNIST COUNTRIES AND THROUGH THE WPC AND PEACE DEFENDERS.

5. CARLOS PARRA, MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CHILEAN RADICAL PARTY HAS BEEN QUOTED IN THE LOCAL PRESS AS SAYING THAT THE CHILEAN DELEGATION TO THE "INQUIRY" WILL BE MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM SEVEN CHILEAN PARTIES. PARRA HAS FURTHER STATED THAT THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER CHILEAN PARTIES AND ORGANIZATIONS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING. REPORTEDLY THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE CHILEAN DELEGATION HAVE ALREADY CONFIRMED THEIR ATTENDANCE: CC MEMBER OF CHILEAN COMMUNIST PARTY (CCP) VOLODIA TEITELBOIM; CONFIDENTIAL

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CCP M.P. MANUEL CANTEROS; MINISTER OF JUSTICE & DEFENSE IN ALLENDE GOVERNMENT SERGIO INSUNZA; RAFAEL AGUSTIN GOMUCIO OF THE CHRISTIAN LEFTIST PARTY; AND FORMER AMBASSADOR TO PEKING ARMANDE URIBE. OTHERS EXPECTED TO ATTEND ARE ALLENDE'S WIDOW HORTENSIA AND SECGEN OF CHILEAN SOCIALIST PARTY CARLOS ALTAMIRANO.

6 THE DRAFT AGENDA INCLUDES AS ITS FIRST POINT:

"THE CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE CHILEAN PEOPLE AND THE
LEGAL ADMINISTRATION. IN THIS CONNECTION THE DIRECT
PARTICIPATION OF FOREIGN POWERS AND COMPANIES IN THE
MILITARY COUP WILL ALSO BE INVESTIGATED."

7. EMBASSY WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED OF NEW
DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR.

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